On failure of GT in November, 2008, M/s. General Electric (GE), USA, the original equipment Manufacturer, recommended immediate preventive shutdown of two out of three running machines. During the preventive inspection, cracks in blades were reported in one GT. No abnormality has been detected in the other GT which is scheduled to return to service in early January, 2009 after mounting Blade Health Monitoring System.

On account of the above failures and preventive inspection, currently only one GT is in service and the output from RGPPL, Dabhol has reduced to 300-320 MW.

(b) A feasible estimation for entire capacity build up is August, 2009, subject to availability of funds.

Streamlining procedure for cooked meals to children

*287. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently constituted a Group of Ministers (GoM) to recommend a procedure, by which all the country's Anganwadis and Government sponsored childcare centres would provide cooked meals to children under the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the GoM has been asked to consult State Governments also in this regard; and

(d) if so, by when it is likely to submit its report to Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) to (d) The Government has constituted, on 30.10.2008, a Group of Ministers (GoM) to recommend measures to expedite switch over to Hot cooked meals under the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme in consultation with the State Governments. The GoM is required to finalise its recommendations within 3 months.

Welfare of street children

*288. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that a large number of children in India, mostly in all the metropolitan cities, and particularly in Delhi, are staying on the roadside and selling things at the traffic signals;

(b) if so, what makes them to do so;

(c) whether any step was taken by Government for the betterment of those children; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?